1. (Amended) A character processing method, comprising the steps of:

performing at-a-glance display of a plurality of registered character strings;

allowing a character string to be selected by a user from among the displayed character strings; and

causing the selected character string to be displayed at a position pointed by a cursor.

2. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the selection of the character string is achieved by an instruction which designates a position in a region in which the character string to be selected is displayed.

3. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the at-a-glance display of the character strings is performed on a soft keyboard display screen.

4. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the at-a-glance display of the character strings is performed in accordance with an instruction given through a soft keyboard display screen.

5. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing method according to Claim 4, wherein the at-a-glance display of the character strings is displayed in place of the soft keyboard display screen, in response to said instruction.

6. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein said plurality of character strings have been registered through an operation performed by the user.

7. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the selected character string is input to a display screen which is displayed to enable entry of a character string to be added to image information.

8. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the at-a-glance display of the registered character strings is performed on a display screen which is displayed to enable entry of a character string to be added to image information.

9. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the selected character string is input to a display screen which is displayed to enable entry of a character string designating a destination to which information is to be sent.

10. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the at-a-glance display of the registered character strings is performed on a display screen which is displayed to enable entry of a character string designating a destination to which information is to be sent.

11. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the at-a-glance display of the registered character strings is implemented on an operation panel of a copying machine.

12. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the selected character string is output by means of a printer.

13. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing method according to Claim 2, wherein said instruction is given through a touch panel.

14. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing method according to Claim 2, wherein said instruction is given through a digitizer.

15. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing method according to Claim 2, wherein said instruction is given through a coordinate input device.

16. (Amended) A character processing method according to Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

allowing selection of a desired character string from among the displayed character strings for an editorial work;

receiving an editorial instruction indicating the editorial work to be effected on the selected character string;

effecting the editorial work in accordance with the editorial instruction on the selected character string; and

updating the registered character strings in accordance with the result of the editorial work.

17. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing method according to Claim 16, wherein said editorial instruction is to add a character.

18. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing method according to Claim 16, wherein said editorial instruction is to delete a character.

19. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing method according to Claim 16, wherein said editorial instruction is input through a displayed soft keyboard.

20. (Amended) A character processing apparatus, comprising:

at-a-glance displaying means for performing at-a-glance display of a plurality of registered character strings;

selecting means for enabling a character string to be selected by a user from among the displayed character strings; and

displaying means for displaying the selected character string at a position pointed by a cursor.

21. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein said selecting means selects the character string in accordance with an instruction which designates a position in a region in which the character string to be selected is displayed.

22. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein said at-a-glance displaying means comprises means for displaying a soft keyboard display screen.

23. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein the at-a-glance display of the character strings is performed in accordance with an instruction given through a soft keyboard display screen.

24. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein the at-a-glance display of the character strings is displayed in place of the soft keyboard display screen, in response to said instruction.

25. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein said plurality of character strings have been registered through an operation performed by the user.

26. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein the selected character string is input to a display screen which is displayed to enable entry of a character string to be added to image information.

27. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein said at-a-glance displaying means displays on a display screen to enable entry of a character string to be added to image information.

28. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein the selected character string is input to a display screen which is displayed to enable entry of a character string designating a destination to which information is to be sent.

29. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein said at-a-glance displaying means displays a display screen to enable entry of a character string designating a destination to which information is to be sent.

30. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein said at-a-glance displaying means comprises an operation panel of a copying machine.

31. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, further comprising a printer for outputting the selected character string.

32. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 21, further comprising a touch panel through which said instruction is given.

33. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 21, further comprising a digitizer through which said instruction is given.

34. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 21, further comprising a coordinate input device through which said instruction is given.

35. (Amended) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, ~~further comprising:~~

selecting means for allowing selection of a desired character string from among the displayed character strings for an editorial work;

inputting means for enabling input of an editorial instruction indicating the editorial work to be effected on the selected character string;

editing means for effecting the editorial work in accordance with the
editorial instruction on the selected character string; and

updating means for updating the registered character strings in accordance
with the result of the editorial work.

36. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing apparatus
according to Claim 35, wherein said editorial instruction is to add a character.

37. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing apparatus
according to Claim 35, wherein said editorial instruction is to delete a character.

38. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing apparatus
according to Claim 35, wherein said at-a-glance displaying means further comprises a soft
keyboard displaying means for displaying a soft keyboard as a display screen through
which said editorial instruction is input.

39. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing apparatus
according to Claim 35, wherein the update performed by said updating means includes
addition of a character string.

40. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A character processing apparatus
according to Claim 35, wherein the update performed by said updating means includes
deletion of a character string.

41. (Amended) A computer-readable storage medium on which are stored program codes for an image processing method, the program codes comprising:

program codes for performing at-a-glance display of a plurality of registered character strings;

program codes for allowing a character string to be selected by a user from among the displayed character strings; and

program codes for causing the selected character string to be displayed at a position pointed by a cursor.

42. (Amended) A computer-readable storage medium according to Claim 41, wherein the program codes further comprise:

program codes for allowing selection of a desired character string out of the displayed character strings for an editorial operation;

program codes for receiving an editorial instruction indicating the editorial operation to be effected on the selected character string;

program codes for effecting the editorial operation in accordance with the editorial instruction on the selected character string; and

program codes for updating the registered character strings in accordance with the result of the editorial operation.

43. (New) A character processing program including computer-implemental program codes, comprising:

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